

HISTORIC SITE
SURVEY INVENTORY

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST WORKSHEET

A1-IV-063

NOMINATION FORM
for the
NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES, NATIONAL PARKS SERVICE

1. NAME				
COMMON: Schwarzenback Building				
AND/OR HISTORIC:				
2. LOCATION				
STREET AND NUMBER: 128-132 Baltimore Street				
CITY OR TOWN: Cumberland				
STATE: Maryland		COUNTY: Allegany		
3. CLASSIFICATION				
CATEGORY (Check One) <input type="checkbox"/> District <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object		OWNERSHIP <input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered		STATUS <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress
ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC Yes: <input type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No				
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)				
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Park <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment <input type="checkbox"/> Museum <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific				
<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Comments <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____				
4. OWNER OF PROPERTY				
OWNER'S NAME: William R. Carscaden, Trustee, % George A. Schwarzenback				
STREET AND NUMBER: 519 Washington Street				
CITY OR TOWN: Cumberland		STATE: Maryland		
5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION				
COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.: Allegany County Courthouse				
STREET AND NUMBER: 30 Washington Street				
CITY OR TOWN: Cumberland		STATE: Maryland		
Title Reference of Current Deed (Book & Pg. #): 457-712				
6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS				
TITLE OF SURVEY:				
DATE OF SURVEY: <input type="checkbox"/> Federal <input type="checkbox"/> State <input type="checkbox"/> County <input type="checkbox"/> Local				
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:				
STREET AND NUMBER:				
CITY OR TOWN:		STATE:		

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7. DESCRIPTION	
CONDITION	(Check One)
	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good <input type="checkbox"/> Fair <input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated <input type="checkbox"/> Ruins <input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div>(Check One)</div> <div>(Check One)</div> </div> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Altered <input type="checkbox"/> Unaltered <input type="checkbox"/> Moved <input type="checkbox"/> Original Site
DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE	
<p>Located at 128-130 Baltimore Street, the Schwarzenback Building stands on the northerly side of Baltimore Street, near the middle of the block formed by Centre and George Streets, in the central business district of Cumberland, Allegany County.</p> <p>The building is an early twentieth century masonry structure with three stories plus a mansard and has a commercial front on the street level, a set of five double casement windows on the second and third floor, and four large dormers with double-hung wooden sashes with one-over-one lights and segmental pediments in the mansard. The commercial front consists of a center entrance with large display windows, one of which is an island, and, judging from a circa 1923 photograph of the building, may be original although the area directly above with the "Schwarzenback's Since 1869" in applied letters dates from the past decade. The spandrel area between the second and third floors appears to be decorated with iron panels with five circles spaced evenly across the length. Above the third floor windows is a series of five arches in iron. The cornice consists of a large shelf-like form with scroll brackets, one at each end. Below the brackets are large decorative stone sculptures. The corners of the building are made of dressed stone. The mansard roof is covered with slate shingles laid in a diamond pattern.</p> <p>The building, occupied solely by Schwarzenback's clothing store, appears to be structurally sound.</p>	

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8. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- ☐ Pre-Columbian ☐ 16th Century ☐ 18th Century ☒ 20th Century
☐ 15th Century ☐ 17th Century ☐ 19th Century

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) c. 1912

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering | <input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Phi- | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Historic | <input type="checkbox"/> Industry | losophy | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture | <input type="checkbox"/> Invention | <input type="checkbox"/> Science | |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape | <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art | Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Social/Human- | |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Commerce | <input type="checkbox"/> Literature | itarian | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications | <input type="checkbox"/> Military | <input type="checkbox"/> Theater | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation | <input type="checkbox"/> Music | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation | |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Tradition says that the Schwarzenbach Building was erected for George Schwarzenbach (1847-19--) and his son, John Schwarzenbach, who conducted a clothing store in Cumberland under the name of Schwarzenbach and Son. The firm moved into the building at 128-132 Baltimore Street in 1912. (History of Allegany County, p.719)

Architecturally, this building is unusual for Cumberland. Most of the buildings that still stand along Baltimore Street, the principal business street, show a strong Romanesque influence in the arcaded facades. The Schwarzenbach Building is more Beau-Arts or classically influenced although it contains an arcaded effect above the third floor windows, almost hidden below the cornice. The bold mansard roof, the type of sculpture below the brackets, the segmental pediments on the dormers gives the building a stronger Beaux-Arts feel than one of the Romanesque.

The Schwarzenbach firm was founded in 1869 by George Schwarzenbach, a German emigrant. His son John joined the business about 1888, (Biographies of father and son are available in History of Allegany County (1923), pages 718-720.)

Note: An early photograph of the building can be found in History of Allegany County between pages 120 and 121. The photograph is not dated.

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Allegany County Land Records, Courthouse, Cumberland, MD.
Thomas, James W. and T.J.C. Williams. History of Allegany County, Maryland, 2 vol. N.C.: L.R. Titsworth & Co., 1923.

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			O R	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES		
CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE		LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	
	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds		Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds
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APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY:

Acreage Justification:

The property measures approximately 43' x 170'. (tax map)

History of Allegany County records the building as measuring
44' x 180'.

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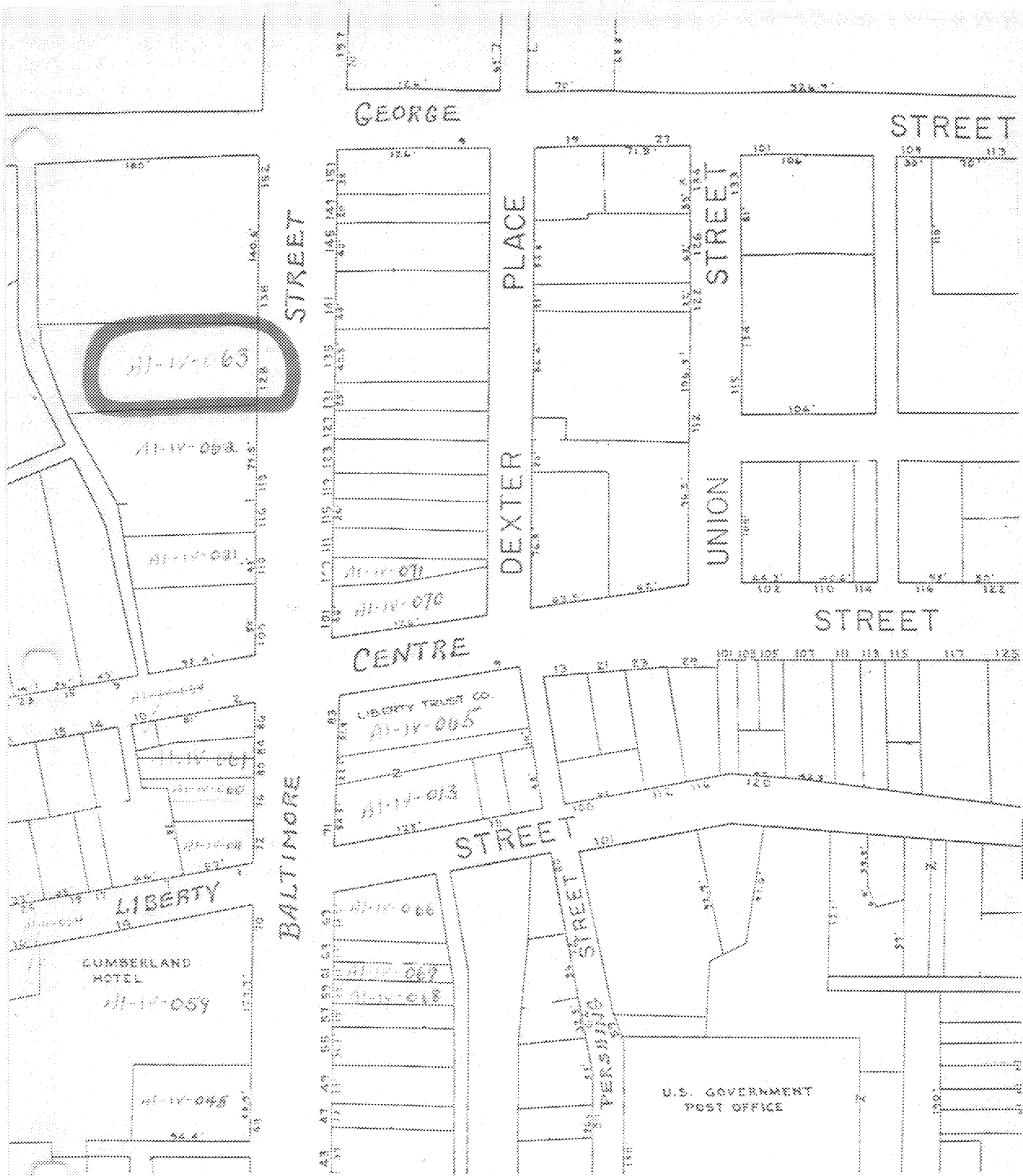
11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: Ronald L. Andrews, Historic Site Survey		DATE 12/2/74
ORGANIZATION Tri-County Council for Western Maryland, Inc.		
STREET AND NUMBER: Algonquin Motor Inn, Suite 510		
CITY OR TOWN: Cumberland	STATE Maryland	

12. State Liaison Officer Review: (Office Use Only)

Significance of this property is:
National ☐ State ☐ Local ☐

Signature



Cumberland, Maryland
 Allegany County
 Tax Map 29 (1972)
 scale: 1"=100'

site #: A1-IV-063
 Schwarzenbeck Building
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Schwarzenbach Building
128-132 Baltimore Street
Cumberland
Allegany Co., Maryland
South facade
Oct., 1974

RONALD L. ANDREWS